(b) In view of the answer to question (a) above, this does not arise.

(c) 4840 cases of income-tax evasion are pending as on 31-3-1989 in various Courts.

Issuance of New Guidelines by RBI to State Bank of Indore regarding Grant of Loans

252. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has issued any new guidelines to the State Bank of Indore regarding grant of loans to different bodies, particularly to the weaker sections; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. R. GADHVI): (a) and (b) State Bank of Indore has reported that various guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to Scheduled Commercial Banks are being followed by them. No special guidelines have been issued by RBI to State Bank of Indore regarding grant of loans to different bodies including those for weaker sections.

Incentives to Tea Garden Labourers in Assam

253. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Assam is a major tea producing State and earns 66 per cent of the total foreign exchange earned on this account; and

(b) if so, what incentives are being given to the tea garden labourers in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) Assam is a major tea producing state. The salaries and wages etc. of tea garden labourers are guided by the memoranda of settlement made between the tea garden managements and the labourers from time to time in terms of sub section (3) of section 12 of Industrial Dispute Act.

Irrigation Projects from Assam pending Clearance

254. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the irrigation projects from Assam which are pending with the Central Government for clearance; and

(b) what are the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b) The medium irrigation project, namely, Burisuti irrigation project has been examined and comments sent to State Government. The project is not included in Seventh Plan.

Development of Sericulture

255. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the opinion of sericulture experts, sericulture can prosper in the foothills of the Himalayas and also in Bihar, Kashmir and North Eastern region of India; and

(b) if so, whether Union Government have any scheme under their